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tic, long before any such thing is generally thought of.

I have this account-book still by me, and I often look into it with pleasure, as I there see the productions of my infant years. Should I live to be grey-headed, I may then perhaps look back to this little volume and my Drawing-book, and there see what were my sentiments before they were influenced by folly and prejudice.

To return. The rest of my time was variously busied in different pursuits. My father had bought me a very curious Map of England, which was coloured, and dissected, as it is called; that is, the counties were all cut from one another, but so curiously, that, when they were put together, it looked like one entire piece.

This map my father threw into confusion, and then ordered me to put the counties properly together, so as to form one piece, like what they did at first. I found this a difficult task for some time; but, after many trials, I became so perfectly acquainted with the situation of every county, that I could not only put my map together almost in an instant, but have frequently

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quently had the pleasure to decide the disputes of my elders, when they differed in opinion concerning the vicinity of one county to another.

Having thus acquired a perfect knowledge of the situation of the counties, my father took away my dissected map, and gave me *Mr. Gibson's new and accurate maps of the counties of England and Wales, drawn from the latest surveys*. From these I learned the names and situations of all the principal rivers in England, chief cities, capital towns, bays, harbours, and such other things as appeared to him necessary. In order to render these matters the more easily to be acquired, and seemingly with less labour, I was directed every day to read a few pages of *the Description of England and Wales*, and compare the places mentioned in the book with the same as described in the maps. By thus reading an account of the place which I viewed in the map, it fixed it so strongly in my memory, that I seldom ever after forgot it.

When I had made myself properly acquainted with the geography of England, my father, as a reward for my industry,